

IN-MIGRATION TO NEW HAMPSHIRE							OUT-MIGRATION FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE							NEW HAMPSHIRE NET MIGRATION						
STATE							STATE							STATE						
FROM	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95	TOTAL	TO	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95	TOTAL		98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95	TOTAL
MA	16,420	14,970	14,376	14,065	14,904	74,735	MA	9,624	9,968	9,830	8,953	9,071	47,446	MA	6,796	5,002	4,546	5,112	5,833	27,289
ME	3,314	3,319	3,429	3,150	3,234	16,446	ME	3,478	3,357	3,316	2,979	3,112	16,242	NY	834	990	1,343	1,213	824	5,204
NY	2,381	2,476	2,800	2,549	2,456	12,662	FL	3,543	3,671	3,471	3,203	3,665	17,553	CT	513	628	729	690	840	3,400
VT	2,401	2,383	2,505	2,188	2,247	11,724	VT	2,137	1,978	2,206	2,021	2,219	10,561	NJ	424	358	445	371	335	1,933
FL	2,585	2,502	2,113	2,345	2,415	11,960	NY	1,547	1,486	1,457	1,336	1,632	7,458	VT	264	405	299	167	28	1,163
CT	1,573	1,603	1,746	1,711	1,891	8,524	CA	1,441	1,541	1,491	1,313	1,279	7,065	PA	214	180	190	152	42	778
CA	1,440	1,381	1,425	1,576	1,663	7,485	CT	1,060	975	1,017	1,021	1,051	5,124	CA	(1)	(160)	(66)	263	384	420
PA	1,039	946	990	940	910	4,825	VA	1,107	936	957	939	998	4,937	ME	(164)	(38)	113	171	122	204
NJ	987	871	962	896	909	4,625	NC	934	1,065	1,038	970	911	4,918	TX	43	71	(9)	(28)	(75)	2
VA	921	944	868	837	871	4,441	TX	898	830	839	783	821	4,171	VA	(143)	8	(89)	(102)	(127)	(453)
TX	941	901	830	755	746	4,173	PA	825	766	800	788	868	4,047	NC	(187)	(343)	(434)	(313)	(292)	(1,569)
NC	747	722	604	657	619	3,349	NJ	563	513	517	525	574	2,692	FL	(958)	(1,169)	(1,358)	(858)	(1,250)	(5,593)
FR*	1,005	823	1,000	906	1,084	4,818	FR	679	630	624	562	636	3,131	FR	326	193	376	344	448	1,687
TOT**	43,862	41,686	41,300	40,028	40,986	207,862	TOT	35,740	35,967	35,771	33,375	35,252	176,105	TOT	8,122	5,719	5,529	6,653	5,734	31,757

*FR - equals foreign

** TOT - equals the total migration from or to all locations

State to State Migration Data 1994 - 1999

Source: US Bureau of the Census, Estimates Branch

The above migration data are *estimates*. The data's primary value are their depiction of patterns of migration among states, as well as the estimated magnitude of migration. The data for the post 1990 period are established in a radically different way from that of decennial census data. Decennial census data are derived from a questionnaire that is completed by the public. Also, decennial census migration data are based on a five (5) year time period (1985-'90), not an annual basis.

The post 1990 data are based on income tax returns for two different years. State of residence is determined as best as possible in the first year. Then, a computer search is conducted to "match" (find) the filer in the same or different state in the second filing year. Obviously, the movement of filers from one state to another is the basis for establishing the migration numbers (which are actually the number of exemptions claimed by filers) shown above.

As with any estimating method there are flaws in this technique. Some people may be filing for the first time in the second year, some groups are not well represented by tax filing particularly the poor and the elderly. Filers may file jointly the first year and separately the second year (and the other way around).

A change in mailing address may or may not mean an actual change of residence. These and other problems are of small consequence at the state level. Also, the tax file sample is large, (ten's of millions) and therefore a good representation of most migrators.

Data about individual tax filers are protected by the confidentiality statutes of Title 13 and 26 of the US Code. In fact, the names of filers are not included in the migration sample.

Decennial Census Data are tabulated from responses to the question, "Where did this person reside five years ago?" Obviously, the magnitude of migration is likely to be greater because of the five year time period, instead of the one year period. These data show remarkable stability in New Hampshire's migration pattern over a long period of time. The states that are popular origins and destinations of NH migrators were pretty much the same in 1990 as they were in 1970. This stability continues into the post 1990 period, even though the method for collecting the data is very different.